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Mr. Bryan H. Wood is the Counsel for the Office of Naval Research (ONR), the Department of the Navy's center for science and technology programs. As the director of a component of the Office of the General Counsel of the Navy (OGC), Mr. Wood is the senior legal advisor to the Chief of Naval Research on a wide variety of legal issues relating to intellectual property, patents, trademarks, data rights, grants, procurement, the environment, personnel law, and statutory issues facing the Navy and Marine Corps. He is responsible for the management and supervision of a 30-attorney office including field offices in the District of Columbia, Maryland and California. Mr. Wood has served as the ONR Counsel since June 2006. In September 2007, he was the first Navy OGC attorney to deploy to a combat zone in his civilian OGC capacity when he volunteered to serve as the special legal advisor to the Commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) in Djibouti, Africa. For his service during this six-month deployment, he was awarded the Joint Service Civilian Commendation medal.

A Massachusetts native, Mr. Wood is a 1983 graduate of Central Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Public Administration. In December of 1985, he received his Juris Doctor from the University of Bridgeport School of Law during which time he served with the Organized Crime Bureau and the Economic Crime Unit of the Connecticut Chief State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Wood began his career with Navy OGC as Assistant Counsel at Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Charleston, SC in 1986. He has since served as Assistant Counsel for the Charleston Naval Shipyard and the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion & Repair, Charleston, SC; Counsel, Officer in Charge of Construction, Marianas and Navy Public Works Center, Guam; and Counsel, Navy Public Works Center, Norfolk, VA. In January 1997, Mr. Wood was selected as the first civilian attorney to serve as the Executive Assistant and Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the Navy. Mr. Wood has also served as the Environmental Law Section Head and Senior Associate Counsel (Environment/ Safety), Naval Sea Systems Command and as the Deputy Assistant General Counsel of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller). In December 2003, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as the Deputy Counsel for the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Wood is a member of the bars of the State of Connecticut, the United States Court of Federal Claims and the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit. He is the recipient of the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive award, three Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Awards and two Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Awards.